FIRST OF ALL, YOU FOUGHT WELL IN THE BATTLE AGAINST SOUMA.
NOW I WILL HAND OVER LEADERSHIP OF THE FAMILY TO MASAMUNE.
YES!!
WELL, MASAMUNE WILL SAY SOMETHING NOW...
ALRIGHT
YES
I'll be loyal too!
A NEW LEGEND OF THE ONE-EYED DRAGON IS RIGHT HERE!
I AM THE TENTH HEAD OF THE DATE FAMILY, TOUJIROU MASAMUNE.
I HAVE GREAT EXPECTATIONS ABOUT EVERYONE'S EFFORTS! I'M COUNTING ON YOU!
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CHAPTER 1: IRON BOND

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WHAT A HAPPY DAY!
DATE TERUMUNE
AH~
YOSHIHIME
WE'RE GLAD THAT YOU'RE BECOMING INDEPENDENT,BUT WE'RE SAD TO BE RETIRING AND LEAVING YOU!
IT REALLY IS SAD!
WE'LL GIVE YOU HUGS WHILE WE STILL CAN!
What ridiculous parents
OF COURSE, MOTHER!
I'M HAPPY, MASAMUNE THERE ARE DIFFICULTIES IN BECOMING THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE,
BUT YOU REPRESENT TERUMUNE-SAMA'S HOPE, SO WORK HARD!
Oh
DON'T WORRY
ISN'T THE FAMILY SUCCESSION HAPPENING A LITTLE TOO FAST THIS TIME?
Even though you're so young?
Hmm..
BUT TERUMUNE-SAMA IS STILL YOUNG AND ABLE TO WORK..

Ah I'm glad it's Megohime-sama pouring the drinks! It's just like divine water~♥
If Megohime-sama will be watching him, then we don't need to worry!
CALM DOWN, MOTHER.
Mego is popular with the old guys.
THE REASON FOR HER JEALOUSY.
WHY ARE THEY GETTING EXCITED ABOUT MEGO-DONO?

Ah, Megohime-sama!
I'LL BE WITH MASAMUNE-SAMA TO MAKE SURE THAT HE ACTS APPROPRIATELY AS HEAD OF THE FAMILY.

WHAT IS IT...?

HEY, MEGO.
AH, ABOUT THAT..
Even though it looks like things haven't changed
MASAMUNE, HAVE YOU BEEN GETTING ON WITH MEGO RECENTLY?

AH...
SHE ALWAYS ACTS LIKE THAT.
AHHHH!

HOW INSENSITIVE!
DID I DO SOMETHING TO MAKE MEGO HATE ME?

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Hehe
HONESTLY, YOUNG MASTER...I MEAN, MY LORD...
MASA...
Oh.. What's the matter, Sama?
SOMEONE IS HERE TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON BECOMING HEAD OF THE FAMILY.
A guest? That's great! Invite them in.
...ALRIGHT
SAMA-DONO?
THIS WAY.
YES
I AM OOUCHI SADATSUNA, FROM OBAMA CASTLE IN SHIONOMATSU
I'M HONOURED TO MEET YOU TODAY.

OOUCHI?
A POWERFUL FAMILY THAT ONCE SERVED THE DATE FAMILY.
HOWEVER, NOW HE IS IN CHARGE, THEY HAVE ALSO SERVED AMURA AND ASHINA.
AS HE KEEPS CHANGING HIS MASTER, HE IS REGARDED AS COMPLETELY UNTRUSTWORTHY.
HAHA.
SOCIETY'S OPINION IS QUITE HARSH.
HOWEVER, THE ONLY REASON I'VE COME TO YONEZAWA NOW
IS TO CONGRATULATE MASAMUNE-SAMA ON HIS SUCCESSION
AND OFFER MY SERVICES TO THE DATE FAMILY AGAIN.
WHAT!!?!
HOW SHAMEFUL!
THIS IS NO PLACE FOR A TRAITOR LIKE YOU!
MASAMUNE-SAMA! I'M SURE THAT HE IS PLANNING SOMETHING!
YOU SHOULD CHASE HIM OUT IMMEDIATELY.

HMM?
THERE'S NO PROBLEM, IS THERE?
MASA-MUNE-SAMA?!
MY LORD! THIS IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPT-ABLE!
YOU REALLY CAN'T TRUST HIM...
COME ON, KOJUUROU! YOU TELL HIM TOO!
NO...
IF MASAMUNE-SAMA SAYS IT'S FINE, THEN I'LL AGREE WITH HIM.
RIGHT.
ME TOO
WE'LL DO THE SAME
WELL, WELL EVERY-ONE IS IN AGREE-MENT...
I'M VERY GLAD! I'LL BE EVEN MORE LOYAL!
AH...

WHILE THIS MAY BE PRE-SUMP-TUOUS,
COULD I ASK YOU SOME-THING?
HMM? WHAT IS IT?
HAVE YOU ALREADY DECIDED WHAT DATE'S NEXT OBJECTIVE IS?
AH, NOT YET...
I'LL
FORGET ABOUT THE SMALL FRY
THERE'S A LOT TO DO UNTIL I GET THERE THOUGH.
AND TAKE OVER THE WORLD
BEFORE THAT,
I'VE GOT TO CAPTURE OSHOO, SO...
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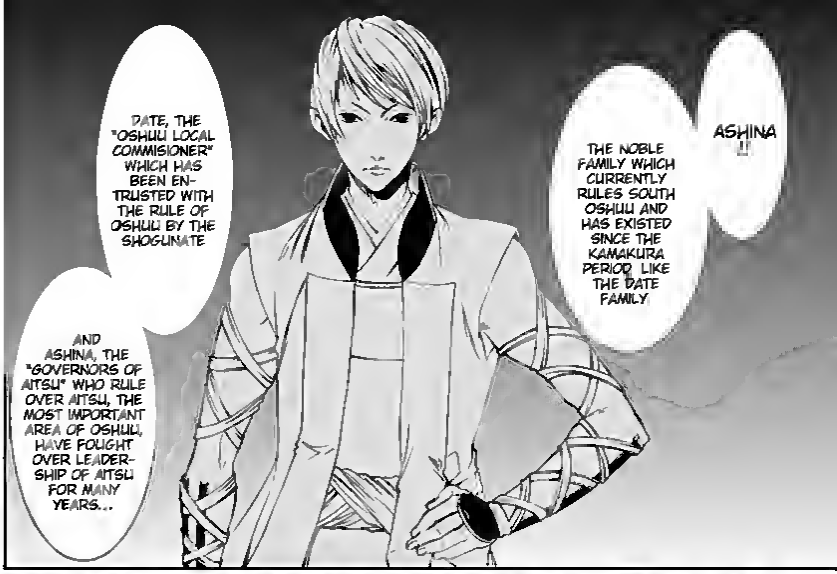
THE LEADER WITH A STRONG PRESENCE IN OSHUU...
THAT WOULD BE...
ASHINA OF AIZU ...


DATE, THE "OSHUU LOCAL COMMISIONER" WHICH HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH THE RULE OF OSHUU BY THE SHOGUNATE
AND ASHINA, THE "GOVERNORS OF AITSU" WHO RULE OVER AITSU, THE MOST IMPORTANT AREA OF OSHUU, HAVE FOUGHT OVER LEADERSHIP OF AITSU FOR MANY YEARS...
THE NOBLE FAMILY WHICH CURRENTLY RULES SOUTH OSHUU AND HAS EXISTED SINCE THE KAMAKURA PERIOD LIKE THE DATE FAMILY
ASHINA!!

We'll go with you too!
This is a good opportunity, Masamune-sama!
I see, if we take them out then we can take control of Oshuu in one go!
HEHEHE..

SHOULD I SAY THIS? THOSE WORDS DON'T SOUND AT ALL LIKE SOMETHING THE LEADER OF DATE WOULD SAY!!

PLEASE EXCUSE ME...
HEY, OOUCH!! WHAT'S GOING ON?

WHAT?!
ISN'T IT SOMEWHAT IMPOSSIBLE FOR SOMEONE
WHO HASN'T EVEN UNIFIED OSHUU TO GO OUT TO SEA?
AT THIS RATE, YOUR RETAINERS WILL HAVE TROUBLE TOO.
OR... ARE A FOOL'S RETAINERS THE ONLY ONES WHO COULD DO SOMETHING SO RIDICULOUS?
IF YOU ARE THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY, THEN WHY DON'T YOU SET YOUR EYES ON SOMETHING MORE REALISTIC?
AH, BUT... MAYBE THAT'S A LITTLE DIFFICULT FOR SOMEONE WHO LOST AN EYE BECAUSE OF SMALLPOX?
Hehehe

DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY JUST BECAUSE YOU DEFEATED A SMALL FAMILY LIKE SOUMA ...
ONE EYED DRAGON!

HOW RUDE!!
SAYING THINGS LIKE THAT AT A CELEBRATION!
DON'T THINK YOU'LL GET OUT HERE ALIVE, OOUCHI!
NO! YOU MUST BE PATIENT NOW..!!
BUT I WON'T FORGIVE ANYONE WHO MAKES A FOOL OF MASAMUNE-SAMA!!
DOESN'T IT BOTHER YOU, KOJUUROU-DONO?!

OOUCHI-DONO. YOU'VE PROBABLY LOST INTEREST IN SERVING ME BECAUSE OF MY EYE.
MASA-MUNE-SAMA?!
IF SO... THEN COULD YOU LEAVE?
YES, WELL...
I'LL DO THAT THEN.
I'M TOUCHING YOU NOW, IS THAT OKAY?
MEGO-HIME-SAMA?!
AHHHH!
So it's no good after all? I'm a little hurt.
MY LORD!
YES?!
MEGO...

YOU'VE BEEN FIGHTING IN THE BATTLE AGAINST SOUMA FOR THREE YEARS THOUGH
WINTER IS COMING, SO TAKE YOUR TIME RESTING! THAT'S ALL.
WE SHOULD DEFEAT HIM!
WE CAN'T FORGIVE OOUCHI FOR SAYING SO MANY RUDE THINGS ON SUCH A HAPPY OCCASION!
THAT'S RIGHT, MY LORD! LET'S GET THE TROOPS TO OBAMA RIGHT
HMM? LET'S NOT DO THAT.
WE'VE GOT TO GET READY TO ATTACK ASHINA.
DIDN'T I TELL YOU WE'D LEAVE THE SMALL FRY ALONE?
IS OUR LORD LOOKING DOWN ON US?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH OUR LORD?
IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR US TO CRUSH OOUCHI...
MASA-MUNE-SAMA..

YES, WE'RE ATTACKING HIBARA, ONE OF ASHINA'S TERRITORIES.
IF WE CAPTURE HIBARA, ATTACKING ASHINA WILL BE EASIER.
WE'RE FINALLY ATTACKING ASHINA . . .

We'll definitely win, Masamune-sama!

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KOJUU-ROU-DONO, HAVE YOU GOT A MOMENT?
YES..
IT'S ABOUT MASA-MUNE-SAMA..
MEGO-HIME-SAMA.
IT SEEMS LIKE HE HASN'T BEEN HAPPY SINCE THE INCIDENT WITH OOUCHI
MASAMUNE-SAMA IS YOUR MASTER, SO YOU KNOW A LOT ABOUT HIS PAST
MASA-MUNE-SAMA..
IS HE BOTHERED ABOUT HAVING LOST HIS RIGHT EYE?

WE'RE OLD FRIENDS WITH HIM TOO,
AND HE'S NEVER SEEMED BOTHERED ABOUT HIS RIGHT EYE.
SHIGE-ZANE-DONO
SAMA-DONO.
I WONDER...
BUT HE MIGHT BE FEELING INFERIOR BECAUSE OF HIS RIGHT EYE, WITHOUT US KNOWING...!
MUSA-MUNE-SAMA!!
THAT'S RIGHT... I HAVEN'T SEEN THE LORD ACTING LIKE THAT EITHER.
I SEE...
OH, WHAT'S THE MATTER?
WELL...
OOUCHI SADATSUNA IS AHEAD OF US..!

THAT'S RIGHT. LET'S FORGET ABOUT OOUCHI NOW.
NEVER MIND ABOUT OOUCHI, WE'RE GOING TO ATTACK ASHINA NOW.
HE'S PROBABLY HEADING TOWARDS ANAZAWA.
HE ONLY HAS SEVERAL GUARDS WITH HIM.
OOUCHI ...THAT EXTREMELY RUDE MAN?
NO.
!?
WE'LL DEFEAT OOUCHI SADATSUNA!
SHUT UP, KOJUUROU
IT'LL BE NO GOOD IF OUR MOVEMENTS ARE NOTICED BY ANAZAWA IN HIBARA ...
WAIT, MASA-MUNE-SAMA!
WE'RE JUST ABOUT TO ATTACK HIBARA, ONE OF ASHINA'S BASES!

ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS KILL THEM BEFORE THEY NOTICE!
IN THAT CASE...
MY LORD! WAIT!
YOU LOT COME AFTER ME! WE'LL CRUSH OOUCHI!
MASAMUNE-SAMA?!
ALRIGHT!
LET'S FOLLOW HIM!
WHAT IS HE DOING...?
MASAMUNE-SAMA!!

WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON?!
OOUCHI SADATSUNA!
YOUR HEAD WILL BE MINE! I'LL SHOW YOU DATE'S UNITY! //

T/N: KABURAYA: A WHISTLING ARROW THAT SIGNIFIES THE START OF A BATTLE
KABURAYA?!
AH ...
GYAA.
MASA-MUNE-SAMA, LOOK OUT!
AH?!
MY LORD .IT WAS A TRAP
PLEASE RUN AWAY ...
sigh
HEY!
HEY ...
HEY, PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!

THAT DAMNED OOUCH!! WE'LL MAKE SURE TO DEFEAT HIM! EVERYONE WHO ISN'T INJURED, FOLLOW ME!
MY LORD!
Y-YES ..!!
THIS HILL ...
OOUCH!!!
HOW DARE YOU ATTACK MY RETAIN-ERS. .!
PUSH IT!
ONE ...
.....!?

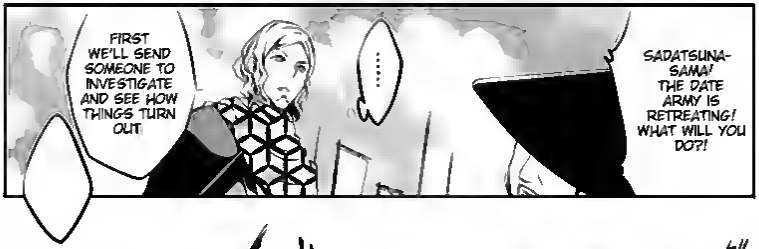
WHA...
A LOG?!
SHIGE-
ZANE!

Sama! you saved me!
UWAA!
NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE, THINGS ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!
WE'RE GOING TO ATTACK NOW...!
NO, THE BULLET WILL..!
MASAMUNE-SAMA!
KOJUUROU...!

HEEEY! KOJUURO!
EVERYONE RETREAT FOR NOW! I'LL TAKE CARE OF MASAMUNE-SAMA!
THIS IS TOO MUCH!
LET ME GO!!!

WHO!?!

HEY! ARE YOU ALRIGHT, KOJUUROU?!
KOJUUROU...


FIRST WE'LL SEND SOMEONE TO INVESTIGATE AND SEE HOW THINGS TURN OUT
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SADATSUNA-SAMA! THE DATE ARMY IS RETREATING! WHAT WILL YOU DO?!

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KOJUUROU...

MASAMUNE-SAMA...!

UH...

THAT'S ENOUGH, MASAMUNE -SAMA!
WASN'T OOUCH! SMALL FRY TO BE IGNORED?!
YOU FELL RIGHT INTO THE TRAP! HOW PATHETIC!
HUH ?!
LOOK!
THE DATE ARMY IS IN A TERRIBLE STATE BECAUSE OF YOUR SELFISH ACTIONS!
COOL YOUR HEAD!
WHY ARE YOU SO FOCUSED ON SOMEONE LIKE OOUCH!?!

HE MADE A FOOL OF MY RETAINERS!!
EH ...
SO THAT'S WHY I'M ANGRY!
IT WOULDN'T MATTER IF IT WAS JUST ME,
BUT HE EVEN CALLED MY RETAINERS IDIOTS
IT'S UNFORGIVABLE!
HMM? HE'S NOT AT ALL
CONCERNED ABOUT
HIS RIGHT EYE...
SO
TRIED TO SHOW OOUCHI HOW SKILFUL MY RETAINERS ARE. .

HUH?
WELL, MY LORD
PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR ACTIONS CREATED UNEXPECTED CASUALTIES
MY LORD, YOU REALLY ARE AN IDIOT.
I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT.
ALSO, MY LORD...
IN A BATTLE, THE HARDEST THING IS KNOWING WHEN TO RETREAT.
THE DATE ARMY IS IN CONFUSION BECAUSE OF OOUCHI'S TRAP.
THE WOUNDED NEED TO BE TREATED, SO IT IS BETTER TO RETREAT NOW...
.....
RIGHT.
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD LET MY IMPORTANT RETAINERS GET EVEN MORE HURT..
.....!

THE DATE ARMY WILL NOW RETREAT!
WE'LL RETREAT!

THIS IS ALRIGHT, ISN'T IT? KOJUUROU.

YES!
WE'LL MAKE SURE TO RETURN TO YONEZAWA!
THE ABLE WILL HELP THE WOUNDED!

I'LL BE BORROWING YOUR NAME FOR A WHILE
MASAMUNE-SAMA.

YES, BUT YOU'RE ALSO NECESSARY FOR THE RETREAT.

YES ...
YOU MIGHT BE ANGRY AT ME FOR DOING SOMETHING SO FORWARD ..
RIGHT ..
YOU'RE PLANNING TO USE MY NAME AND BECOME A DECOY?
.....
I WAS NAMED AFTER THE CHIEF GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL GISAN MASAMUNE -SAMA.
AND THIS EYEPATCH ..
IS SOMETHING SPECIAL THAT I GOT FROM MY MOTHER AT MY COMING OF AGE CEREMONY.
SO I'M GIVING YOU TWO THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO ME

I'M JUST LENDING THEM TO YOU.
PROMISE THAT YOU'LL DEFINITELY RETURN THEM TO ME!
ALRIGHT, KOJUUROU.

HONESTLY, MY LORD
.....
OWW!
OTHERWISE I WON'T LEND THEM TO YOU!
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
WHERE YOU ARE
IS THE ONLY PLACE I CAN RETURN TO!

GO, KOJUURO!
HOW IS THE INVESTI-GATION GOING?
IT SEEMS THAT THE DATE FORCES FEARED OUR ATTACK AND RAN AWAY,
BUT THERE IS ONE MAN WEARING AN EYEPATCH ON THE PATH.
ALRIGHT!

AN EYEPATCH
THE ONE EYED DRAGON!
Great! Date has finally been deserted by his retainers!
I ACKNOWLEDGE HIS BRAVERY IN DECIDING TO FACE HIS ALONE
WE DON'T NEED ANYMORE TRICKS, I'LL FACE HIM DIRECTLY.
YES!
THERE HE IS! THE MAN WEARING AN EYEPATCH!
MASAMUNE, WE'LL MAKE YOU WISH YOU HAD QUIETLY ESCAPED . . .!
SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE DATE ARMY, TOUJIROU MASAMUNE!

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO DEFEAT ME, COME!
NO, THAT'S NOT MASAMUNE!
!
PREPARE YOURSELF!
COMING ON A HORSE ALONE... DOES THAT MEAN YOUR RETAINERS HAVE ABANDONED YOU, DATE MASAMUNE?!

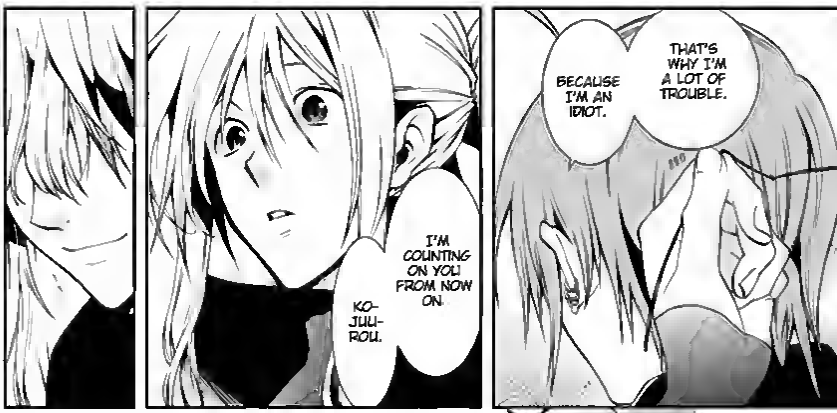
SHOOT!
WAIT, HE'S NOT MASAMUNE!
AN AMBUSH BY TROOPS ARMED WITH GUNS?!
NEXT!

WHAT IS THIS ...?
WAIT A MINUTE ...
WHEN DID DATE PREPARE AN ARMY OF GUNMEN
LARGE ENOUGH TO SHOOT IN SUCCE-SSION LIKE THIS?!
NEXT!
NEXT!
NEXT!
A LARGE ARMY OF GUNMEN ?
NO, THAT'S NOT IT
WHAT I DID WAS GIVE THREE TO FOUR GUNMEN ENOUGH BULLETS FOR FOUR OR FIVE ARMIES

WHOOOA!
AHHH!
I HAD THEM KEEP SHOOTING IN SUCCESSION,
THEN WHEN THEY'D RUN OUT OF BULLETS, THEY CHANGED PLACES AND RELOADED THEIR GUNS!
AHH!
AHH!
TCH..
THAT ONE EYED DRAGON!! HE HAD AN UNEXPECTED TRICK UP HIS SLEEVE!!
RETREAT!
THE OOUCHI ARMY WILL RETREAT!

You did it, Katakura-dono!
.....
Hehe Being a gunman is pretty interesting, Kojuurou!
MASA-MUNE--SAMA?! WHY ARE YOU HERE..?!
IT WAS THANKS TO YOU ALL.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!.
HEY..THAT VOICE IS..!
HONESTLY, MY LORD!.
I WAS WORRIED WHETHER YOU WERE RUI-NING MY NAME.
Oh?! Even Shigezane-dono and Sama-dono?!
WELL..THAT MEANS YOU DISGUISED YOURSELF AS A GUNMAN BECAUSE YOU WERE WORRIED

A BOND BETWEEN MASTER AND SERVANT THAT WILL NEVER BE BROKEN!
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS YOU WHO TOLD ME TO COME AND RETURN IT ...
IT'S TOUGH BEING THE RETAINER OF SOMEONE WHO ALWAYS DOES THINGS THEIR OWN WAY!
Hahaha.. At least you don't get bored that way!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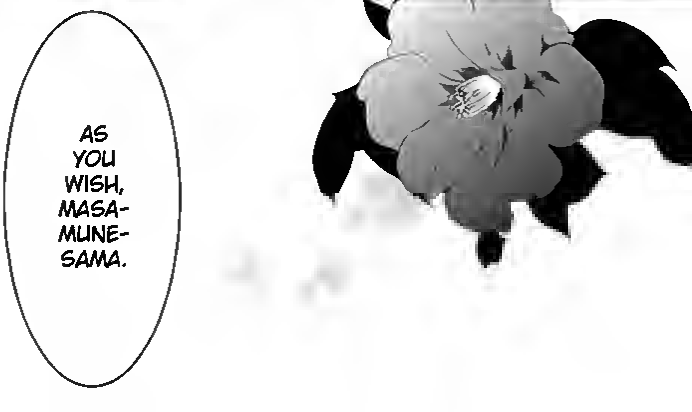
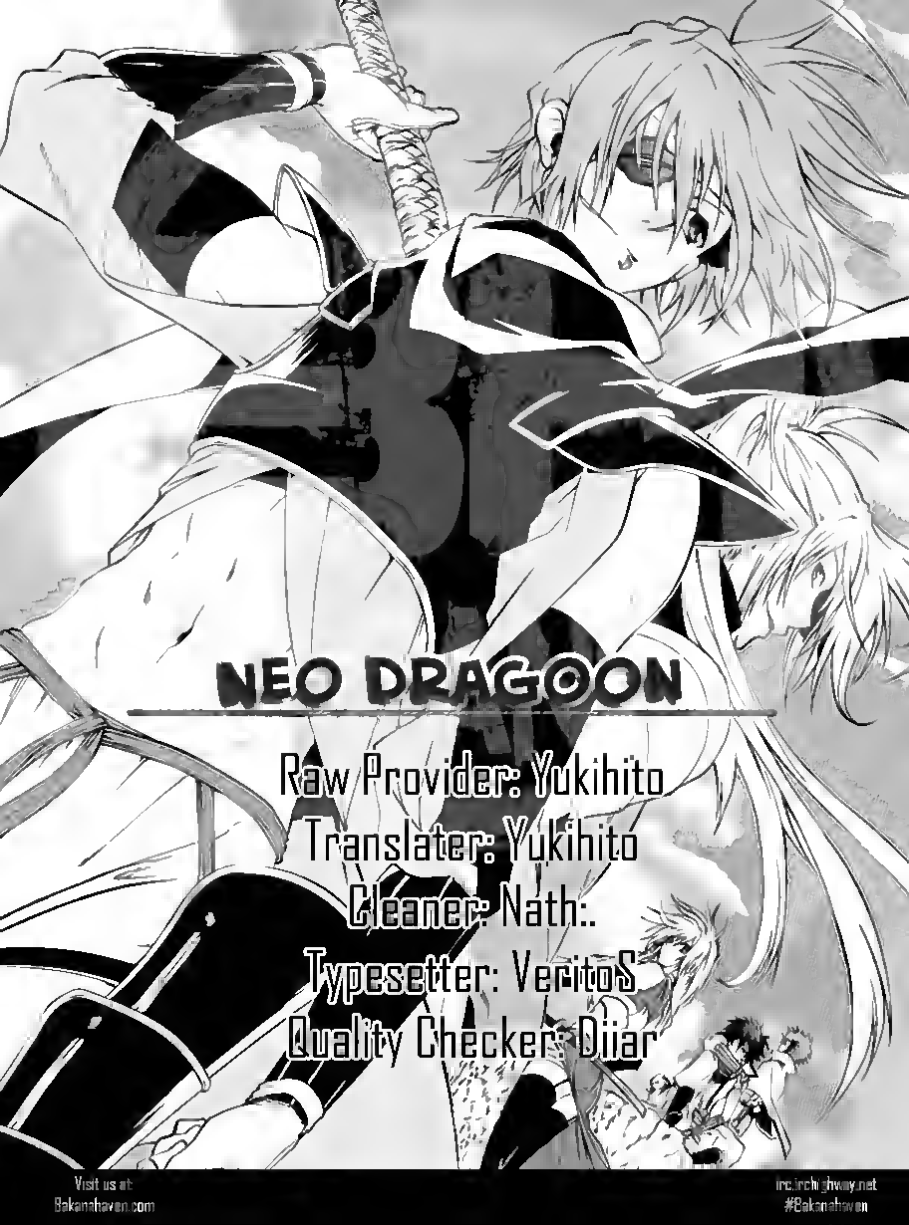
BECAUSE I'M AN IDIOT.
I'M COUNTING ON YOU FROM NOW ON.
KO-JUU-ROU.


AS YOU WISH, MASA-MUNE-SAMA.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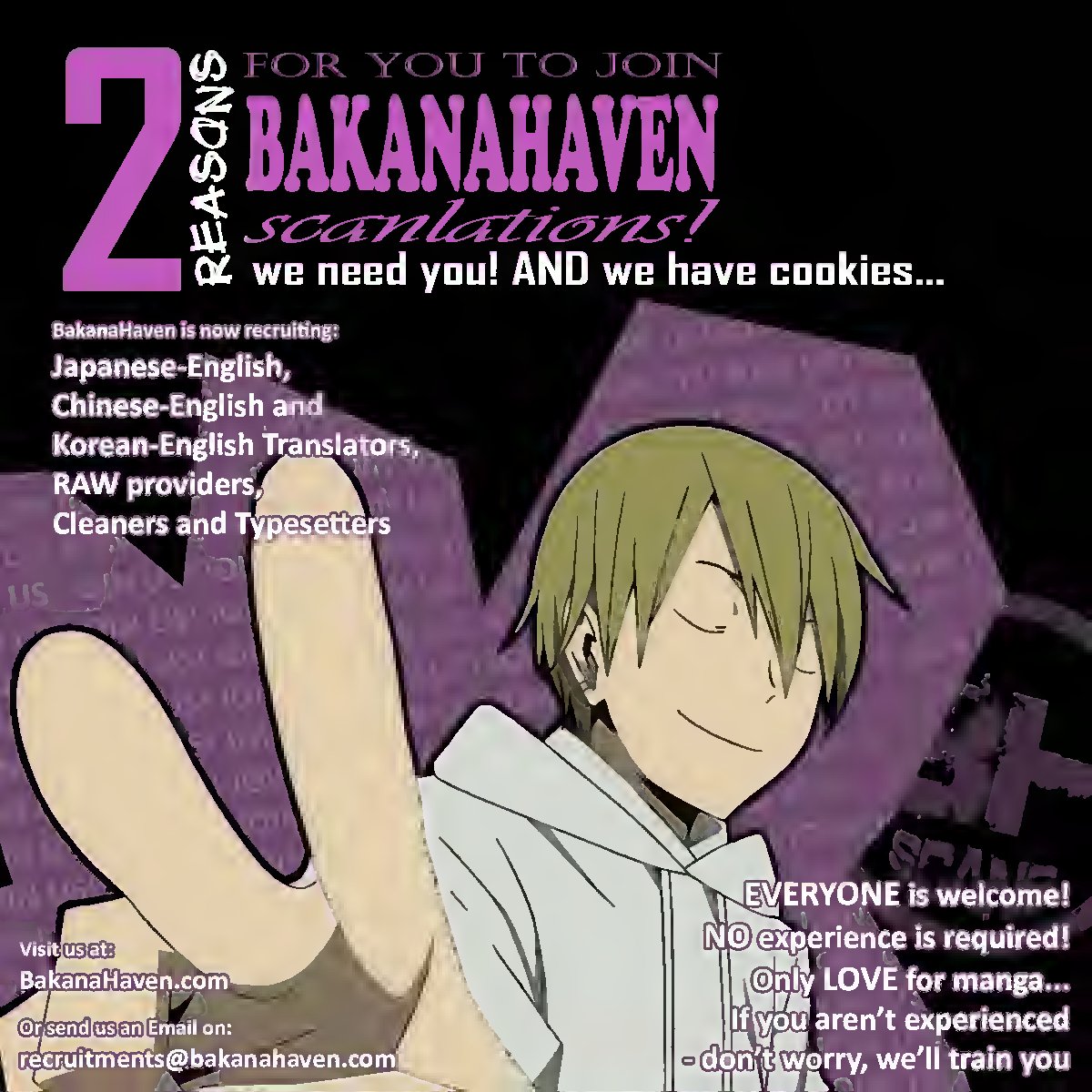
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